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## The League of Nations

Everybody who prays is praying that a League of Nations may be secured.

It is a new thing and some people are always afraid of that which is new. Let us remember that the United States was a new thing, and people opposed the adoption of our Federal Constitution by just the same arguments as are being brought against this League of Nations.

Now there are a great many difficulties in the way of the League. It is a wonderful thing that we have so large a group of nations actually discussing the matter. If this League fails it may take a hundred years to bring the world so near a league for peace as we now are. Pray for the League of Nations.

## News

There are actually a good many people who learn to read and then forget!

The trouble is they do not know how to get news out of the newspaper. Such folks will, of course, never know how much they are losing. The boy or girl, the man or woman, who reads gets acquainted with the big men of the country. He knows what is happening all over the world. He talks much of the improvements in agriculture and housekeeping and everything else as they come along. The way to prosper and the way to share the great happiness of life is to take a newspaper and read it.

## High Prices

The prices of things we buy are still pretty nearly on the war basis. There is no doubt but what some things which were made during the war will have to be sold for less than cost so that the makers will lose, but they must remember that they made a great deal of money while the war was going on!

On the other hand, we who buy have one way in which we may be sure to bring down high prices. That is by refusing to buy until they do come down. Let us wear our old clothes and go without the things we do not actually need, and save our money for the War Loan or for Government Stamps.

Of course this does not mean that we should not buy the things we actually do need. We must have seed this spring and the best seed, and we must keep our teams in good working order no matter what it costs.

## Madison County's Mistake

The United States Government has made a wonderful overture to the counties, agreeing to give a large amount of money out of the Government Treasury for the improvement of roads to all those counties which would tax themselves for this purpose. Beside this the State offered to help those counties that would help themselves. Madison County has just voted not to accept these great gifts.

In other words, in order to avoid giving ourselves a little money for good roads, we have lost the opportunity to get a great deal of money as a free gift from the State and Nation.

There could be nothing more short-sighted than this kind of stinginess. Nothing improves the value of property so much as good roads. Good roads bring everybody nearer to market and the markets nearer to everybody. And good roads are more easily kept up than poor ones. Madison County made a big mistake.

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It will pay to read our Classified Want Column if in need of anything. It will pay to use some space in that column if you have anything to sell.

The school children are busy this week getting subscribers for The Citizen. They will likely be after you if you haven't renewed your subscription.

**THE HOME TOWN EDITOR—**  
What Would Folks do Without Him?  
The small-town editor is more than an editor—he is the whole town's best friend.

A little baby girl is born. The friendly editor prints a pleasant notice about her arrival on earth. She grows up and goes to High School. The great day of her young life comes—Graduation Day. The

same friendly editor causes her to blush with pleasure when he prints a stick-full of her Valedictory essay. She puts that little clipping away in the family Bible—"for keeps," and then some.

**The Friend of Every Family**  
Then comes the greatest day—her wedding day. The same friendly scribe is there—getting pretty bald by this time, or maybe "silver gray." He remembers that grown-up little girl with a "swell" write-up. Again that clipping goes into the family Bible.

John Smith's boy, Bill, goes to St. Louis and gets a modest job. The friendly editor pleases the whole Smith connection by duly heralding the fact that Bill has "accepted a position" and wishes him luck. We could go on indefinitely.

**And the Town's Best Booster**  
Turning from sentiment to business, think of what a great booster the small-town editor is for his town and county. He is always on that job. He never stops working for the good of the business men, the farmers, the churches, the schools—for every effort that will build up his town and county.

You, Mr. Merchant, are you giving your hard-working local editor the co-operation he deserves? He is trying to keep the trade of all the folks right in your town. You are a leader. Work with him for the good of the whole community!

Give him better support and he will get out a better paper. Take his advertising advice—and he will make your advertising Better Advertising.—Teamwork.

## Kentucky News

Ex-Mayor Charles P. Weaver, of Louisville, became superintendent of the House of Reform at Greendale April 1.

Jessamine county is the only county in the state, so far reporting, in whose assessment the State Tax Commission ordered a reduction. The commission ordered \$800,000 lopped off.

Every part of the State will be asked to participate in raising the fund. This is an expansion of the plan taken up last week looking to the erection of a memorial building for the university students who lost their lives.

The University of Kentucky Board of Trustees authorized President F. L. McVey to look into the feasibility of a plan to erect a half-million-dollar memorial building at the university in honor of all Kentuckians who were killed or died in army service during the war.

School days are to return for practically 75 per cent. of the officers at Camp Zachary Taylor. Telegraphic orders were received from the War Department by Brig. General Ketcham, Commanding General of the camp, to establish at once a school for all officers of the line.

At a meeting of the Madison County Board of Education it was decided to consolidate the Speedwell and Crooksville schools, and

## U. S. News

**United States News**  
Farm lands in the United States are steadily increasing in value. The Department of Agriculture reports the average grade of plow lands was worth about \$74.31 per acre on March 1 this year, compared with \$68.38 a year ago, \$62.17 two years ago and \$58.39 three years ago.

All meat packers were released from Food Administration control, under a proclamation signed by President Wilson at Paris, effective April 1, "all persons, firms, corporations or associations engaged in importing, manufacturing, including packing, storing or distribution of fresh, canned or cured beef, pork, mutton or lard," are released from license by the Food Administration.

Eugene Debs, under sentence to serve ten years in Federal prison for violation of the espionage act, and whose sentence was recently upheld by the United States Supreme Court, was barred by Mayor Cornell Schrieber from making a public address in Toledo, March 30, in Memorial Hall, a building owned by the city.

Road-building authorities are predicting that 1919, 1920, and 1921 will prove the greatest in the country's history in the matter of road construction. In view of the unprecedented appropriations of funds for Federal aid for road projects and the activities of the building programs the prediction

## KOLCHAK'S ARMY BEATS RUSS REDS

**Bolsheviks Defeated on the Ural Front and Driven From Town of Ufa.**

### 5,000 PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

**Allies Continue to Bombard Enemy in Vicinity of Bolshoi Ozer—Lenine's Forces Repulsed With Heavy Losses.**

London, March 31.—Admiral Kolchak's army continues to defeat the bolsheviks, according to delayed official advices received from Omsk. The anti-bolshevik advanced 50 miles and took 5,000 prisoners on the Ural front. Ufa was taken March 18.

**Reds R. pulsed With Losses.**  
Archangel, March 31.—Artillery of the allies was active in the vicinity of the village of Bolshoi Ozer, but the cloudy weather hindered the work of the aviators who were observing the effects of the cannonade. In the meantime the allies' forces holding the road on both sides of the town were engaged in strengthening their positions. A small infantry attack was made on the allies' position on the Vega front Wednesday. In spite of a bombardment which preceded the attack, the bolsheviks were repulsed and lost heavily. The allies suffered only two casualties.

**Allies in Critical Position.**  
Paris, March 31.—The situation for the allies at Odessa is still critical, according to the last advices. The

## World News

The delay in the completion of the peace treaty is receiving much comment at present. Serious consequences are forecast in case of extended delay. Efforts have been made to place the responsibility on one or the other of the countries. President Wilson denies the charge that the League of Nations is holding things back, as the work of that commission was one of the first to be finished. The attitude of France on the matter of reparation is the most serious reason for delay to all appearances.

Various places have been suggested as suitable locations for the seat of the League of Nations. The Hague is perhaps the best equipped for the immediate services, of any mentioned. Brussels is another city on the list. Rome has many advocates but is not likely to be chosen. Constantinople is too far distant for convenience. The Swiss city of Geneva seems thus far to meet with most approval and may secure the necessary votes.

The spread of the Bolsheviki influence has been a disturbing fact during the week. It is well known that the Russian leaders aim at a world influence and not a Russian society alone. The effect of this may naturally be expected to give aid to the plan of an international league to meet and offset the radical program. The ideals of the Congress at Paris, if set against the ideals of Moscow, will prevail in the end. As Mr. Hughes well says, Bolshevism will have its run but can never become established because it is intrinsically wrong.

Considerable notice has been taken during the week of a spirit of independence that seems to be asserting itself in Germany as the terms of treaty are delayed. Some good authorities even declare that Germany may refuse to accept the terms when made and trust to the inability of the allies to force her. General Foch is seeking to put at rest any such suspicions by saying, that if Germany refuses the terms that are offered her now the next treaty will be made in Berlin.

There seems to be some ground for the suspicion that the Japanese are seeking a foothold in Southern California. It has become known that land companies have sold pieces of land to Japanese colonists. The Mexican minister, however, denies that there can be any cause for anxiety on the part of the United States. It is maintained that the new Mexican constitution has provisions that make it impossible for foreigners to hold more than a limited amount of land.

A new situation has just arisen in Central America. The states of Honduras and Salvador are considering a union. Such an act would make a larger and stronger state, and would place Guatemala between this larger Central American state and Mexico. Guatemala was one of the first of all the Latin American states to join the United States in the recent war against Germany and we would not desire to see her suffer any injury, especially as her ideals are liberal and promise much for the future.

For the first time since the days of King Herod the City of Jerusalem has a sufficient supply of good pure water. This has been brought about by the English army of occupation. Some years ago the old viaducts of Herod were partially restored, but the city has been largely dependent on cisterns for water supply. There is great satisfaction over the complete restoration and even improvement of the old viaducts.

The relations between Italy and the Jugo Slavic state have been so strained over the possession of the seaport of Fiume that it has been necessary to place the city under siege by the forces of the allied nations, until such time as the Peace Congress may be able to make a settlement of the question. The population is largely Italian, but the new state desires and needs a seaport. The general feeling seems to be that Italy is pushing too hard in the matter. The United States has threatened to cut off food supplies if her aggressive policy is not checked.

## FRENCH TROOPS ENTERING RHENISH BAVARIA



French troops marching over the road to Wissembourg and Gersheim, Rhenish Bavaria, to occupy their part of the German territory.

County Superintendent B. F. Edwards was authorized to advertise for bids for the erection of a suitable building for the purpose.

Citizens of Midway and vicinity have petitioned the State Railroad Commission for resumption of the former service of the Southern to and from Versailles, the Woodford county seat. They complain that they cannot make connections there any more. Citizens of Rogers Gap have protested against abandonment of the agency there by the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific.

"The United States must take its choice between a balance of power such as has been the bane of Europe for a hundred years, or a League of Nations as proposed by Woodrow Wilson and the representatives of Great Britain, France, and Italy," said President Frank L. McVey, of the University of Kentucky, in an address on the League of Nations, recently.

Twenty-five heavy wooden boxes, nailed tightly are going by freight today from Richmond to Washington, carrying the complete records of the Madison County Exemption Board. Its work finished, the local board has completed its records as required by the regulations, and is sending them in to the War Department, where they will be filed away with the records of all other draft boards.

In the Eastern Kentucky petroleum field an announcement of interest is that the Peabody Coal Co.,

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appears to be fully justified.

Esteban Cantu, Governor of Lower California, issued a statement that he had no knowledge whatever of the alleged pending sale of Lower California land by the California-Mexico Land & Cattle Company to a Japanese syndicate except what he had gained from press reports.

Ultimately there will be a labor shortage in the United States. At present there is a surplus, and this is apt to grow to embarrassing proportions during the next few months of demobilization if no conscious effort is made to immediately revive building and construction activities to provide buffer employment until our industrial readjustment has been completed.

Indefinite postponement of a nation-wide series of anti-prohibition parades and mass meetings planned for April 19 was announced by the association opposed to national prohibition. This step was taken, officials of the association said, after it was found the date selected was the anniversary of the firing of the first gun in the American Revolution.

Mail planes equipped with 400 horsepower Liberty motors were able to make flights from New York to Washington and Philadelphia to New York despite the gale sweeping the North Atlantic seaboard. A plane equipped with 150-horsepower engine, however, was unable to get under way from Washington, and on its third attempt fell in a

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Russian soviet communique of March 25 declared that the vanguards of the bolshevik forces were close upon the suburbs of the city.

**American Engineers at Murmansk.**  
Washington, March 31.—Arrival of the 168th engineering company at Murmansk, Archangel front, on March 25, was announced by the war department. It consists of 19 officers and 133 men. The 167th engineering company, also ordered to that sector, is on the way.

### FIND \$21,805 LIBERTY BONDS

**Securities Stolen From Bank Found in Room Occupied by Robbery Suspects at Joplin, Mo.**

Joplin, Mo., March 31.—Two men were under arrest here for investigation in connection with the robbery of a bank at Lone Elm, Kan., on Monday night. The men were arrested at a hotel, and the police have \$21,805 worth of Liberty bonds and Thrift stamps which they say they found in the room occupied by the two men. One of them, the police say, had admitted that they had robbed the bank, eluded the posse and escaped to a wood near Lone Elm, reaching Joplin on a freight train.

### HUNGARY WON'T HALT YANKS

**Recent Events Will Not Change Schedule of Returning American Troops.**

Washington, March 31.—Recent events in Hungary, General March announced, have resulted in no change in the military policy of the United States so far as the war department has been advised. Return of troops from France is proceeding even faster than scheduled originally, and nothing has occurred to interfere with this movement.